

Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

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Neighborhood Mission Learning Day

by Rev. Karen Ward,
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Apostles (COTA) in
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A movement being called the *emerging church* is making a major impact on the landscape of North American Christianity and around the world. The movement reimagines what it means to be church and do mission in ways that are generous, orthodox, local, contextual and relevant in today's postmodern culture.

Join in an intimate conversation with Brian McClaren, author, pastor and internationally known leader in the emerging church, and dialogue with creative, local, neighborhood mission practitioners. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, at Seattle First Church of the Nazarene (Wallingford), 4401 Second Ave, Seattle. In *The Message Bible*, John 1:14 is translated 'The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.' Come develop new skills for neighborhood mission—Find out what is old/new in emerging, local, mission to update your firmware and reboot your mission in today's culture.

Emerge in the mainline and gain insights from the emerging church movement to renew your congregation's ministry.

Consider bringing a team from your

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congregation. Get info and register online at: <http://missionlearningday.eventbrite.com>. (To learn more about Brian McClaren visit www.brianmclaren.net.)

This event is a fundraiser for Church of the Apostles and its Praxis Mission Center, www.praxisctr.org.

Round 20'

Round 20'—Martin Luther King Day Concert at the Abbey Arts Center

Church of the Apostles provides space in its 'Fremont Abbey' building (formerly St. Paul Lutheran church) for non-profit arts and community events in Fremont.

Come out at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 15, to the Fremont Abbey for an intimate night of music, art and poetry called 'The Round.' \$5-10 donations accepted. The Round is a program of Fremont Abbey Arts. For more information see www.fremontabbey.org.

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“Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.” Acts 1:24-26 NRSV

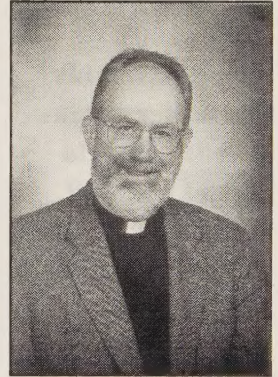
I have commented that the first recorded call meeting was decided by the casting of lots. I am aware that in this day of congregational profiles, mobility forms and call committee interviews that we see the Holy Spirit working in means other than the casting of lots. The common feature is that we still believe that it is the Holy Spirit who works through our processes and that prayer must be in integral part of the whole process.

In my first year in this office, I requested any pastor who had served in their current call for ten years or more to fill out their mobility forms. It is my conviction that all pastors of the church are to be open to the possibility of being called. The process requires that mobility forms be on file in order to be considered. Filing the forms does not mean that a pastor, or other rostered leader, is looking for a call. It means that we are open to the Holy Spirit who we believe is at work in this process.

Many congregations in conflict, or on the verge of conflict, may assume that pastoral mobility is a rapid process. It is not. We take seriously the need to match the expressed ministry needs of the congregation with the pastoral gifts each pastor brings. While there is never a perfect match, it is important to see the congregational profile as the filter used to make pastors available for interview. Since pastors do not apply for a position (as in non-church hiring process), the process of calling (rather than hiring) is neither predictable nor rapid. Consequently, pastors should fill out their mobility forms before there is a sense of urgency to move. In addition, congregations should recognize that filling out the forms does not mean the pastor’s resignation is imminent.

All of us have been called to our many vocations through our baptisms. Those who serve the church in rostered capacities are also called to our professional vocations through a process established by the church. It is more than the hiring process that exists in the business world. It is asking how this potential relationship will build up the church of Christ and will serve God’s work in a particular setting. It is a matter of prayer and discernment for all participants. It is a process where the Holy Spirit must guide, support and encourage us. So, we continue to use this process, knowing that there have been different methods used in the past, but confident that the Spirit of God is still active in God’s church.

A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Wm Chris Boerger

Synod Assembly 2007

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Happy New Year.

Greetings to you from a life-long Lutheran and current member of Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, in Sammamish, who has been given the task of coordinating the 2007 Synod Assembly.

This year's assembly will be an exciting and busy one as we will be electing (or re-electing) a new Bishop for our Synod. The Assembly will be held Friday, June 1, through Sunday, June 3, at the Lynnwood Convention Center (site of last year's Assembly). This year's Synod Assembly will also include a Saturday evening gathering that will include dinner, music and a special guest speaker.

Keynote speakers and workshops will be focused on this theme and other topics. (The Synod Council will vote on the theme at their January meeting.) At this time, I would ask that you pray for those on the Assembly Committee as we work on coordinating an informative, stirring and successful event. I will be asking all participating congregations to submit a banner depicting or a representative of life in their congregation (this would be a great youth, quilters or Altar Guild project) for display at the Assembly. Details and banner specifications will follow in next month's *Soundings*. Those interested in hosting a display table may contact me directly prior to April 15 at carlaberg@comcast.net. I am looking forward to meeting many of you and seeing some familiar faces from last year's Assembly as well. Until then, Thanks Be to God!

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, and more importantly, if you have time and talents to share with us for the 2007 Synod Assembly.

Bishop Election

by **Mark J.**
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the Nominations
and Election of a
Bishop

As the synod does every six years, the Northwest Washington Synod will next elect a Bishop at the 2007 Synod Assembly, to be held June 1-3, at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood.

Nomination packets were mailed to synod congregations, rostered persons and congregational leaders. They are also available on the synod's website (www.lutheransnw.org/assembly/2007/bishop-election.asp). Nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, February 28, 2007. (Nominations received after this period will not be considered.) Please note that additional nominations may not be made from the floor of the Synod Assembly.

Complete information on the nomination process is posted on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org.

Congregations can use New Year's resolutions, too. In fact, resolutions provide an effective tool to raise important issues and to establish congregational priorities. One potential resolution for adoption at a congregation's annual meeting this year addresses the creation and/or energizing of a mission endowment fund. Such a resolution serves both to raise the awareness of whole life stewardship and the opportunity to leave a legacy for ministry and to establish a priority for development of an action plan this year. Here's a sample resolution:

WHEREAS, Christ called us to be faithful stewards of all that has been given to us ~ the created world, as well as our time, talents, and possessions, including both our income and accumulated assets; and

WHEREAS, _____ Lutheran Church desires to expand its stewardship focus to include regular and planned giving, including a focus on leaving a legacy for ministry; and

WHEREAS, creating a (energizing the) mission endowment fund would facilitate an expanded stewardship emphasis and provide a vehicle to receive planned gifts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that _____ Lutheran Church, by action at its annual meeting, establishes as priorities in 2007 (1) creation of a (expansion and growth of the) mission endowment fund, and (2) education of congregational members on whole life stewardship, planned giving and the opportunities to leave a legacy for ministry; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Congregation Council develop an action plan to implement these priorities and to regularly report to the congregation progress in implementing them.

Consider proposing such a resolution at your 2007 annual meeting, or (if the timing isn't right) have it adopted by your congregation's church council. If you have questions about such a resolution, or about congregational endowment funds in general, please feel free to contact me.

A New Year's Resolution

For Congregations

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Three Success Stories: *Mission Future4Kidz*

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"I am proud to tell you that the women of the WELCA here at Good Shepherd followed through with their plan to open a \$50 account for each child when they reach their first Christian milestone whether it is their baptism, first communion or confirmation. There were three baptisms and three first communions this past year, and the women opened an account for all six of the children. (We heard about this at the synod assembly this past year, and the women decided to make it retroactive for 2006) They plan to continue the practice for future milestones. Really the entire community is involved, as the women are holding bake sales to raise the money for this mission effort. Need less to say, I am rather proud of the women for taking this step." Pastor Paul Berthelot, Good Shepherd in Boardman, Oregon.

What a wonderful day it was for me, to visit with Pastor Paul and to hear this great story. *Mission Future for Kidz (MF4Kidz)* accounts though the Mission Investment Fund (MIF), is a great way to introduce children to saving and helping the Lutheran church grow through their investment efforts.

"It is a great stewardship teaching opportunity, when we give this gift to the children who are being baptized, and can share the story of mission with their parents." said Pastor Greg Karlsgodt, Faith Lutheran in Hamilton, Montana. "I explain about the MF4Kidz gift when parents meet with me in preparation for baptism. It does take some explaining, because they think 'it is too good to be true', they think there must be a catch. When I explain that there is no catch, that we as a church want to be involved in the mission of the larger church, and to start a savings account, for their child, they are amazed. It is just like the gift of baptism, FREE gift! God gives us the gift of Christ in baptism and what is our response? Gratitude! We are blessed that our endowment committee has taken on this project to fund each child's account, and to see that the paper work gets sent in."

Pastor Ron Nitz, Holy Trinity in Mt. Carmel, Oregon, shared that with 2-3 baptisms per year, they are able to fund the \$50 per child through their operating budget. We are called in our baptism to be God's stewards. This is a great way to introduce this again to parents and children.

Prayerfully consider becoming a *Mission Future for Kidz* congregation. When you invest with MIF you are helping institutions of the ELCA grow and expand for mission. To learn more about MIF visit www.missioninvestmentfund.org.

The New Year is here and many of you celebrated watching the Rose Bowl. Why not prepare now to share some of our abundance by holding a Souper Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday on February 4. (See related article on page 10.) Activities are as simple or complex as you desire: Pass a Soup Kettle for a collection for World Hunger, Put out two kettles—one for each team and hold a competition to see which team's supporters can raise the most money and contribute the revenue to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For more ideas and to be an *official* participant go to www.souperbowl.org.

Valentine's Day is another February opportunity to thematically focus on World Hunger and related concerns. When you visit www.elca.org/hunger you can select a particular person, village or project to learn about. Write "love letters" in support of hunger efforts, legislation and the ONE campaign to your local and national legislators. Visit www.lppowa.org or www.elca.org/advocacy for more information and ideas.

Following are just a few ideas for Lent and Easter: Use the ELCA World Hunger *Living Simply With God: A 40 Day Hunger Calendar* as a devotional guide, take up a collection at your Wednesday Soup Suppers or hold a special hunger service event. On Easter why not hold a *Put Your Eggs In The Basket* fundraiser. Simply provide a large Easter basket and plastic eggs for folks to enclose their cash or pledges to world hunger and fill up the basket.

The *ONE Campaign* is an effort to rally Americans, one by one, to the cause of ending poverty in our world and achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The ELCA is actively engaged in advocacy on hunger and poverty issues. Through the *ONE LUTHERAN Campaign* you and the ELCA are working with Bread For The World, Alliance to End Hunger and others in a coordinated effort against the injustice of extreme poverty. You can make a difference in others' lives around the world. Find out more at www.one.org or e-mail worldhunger@lutheransnw.org to request a ONE presentation.

Remember to record offerings to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal through your congregation with offering envelopes. Free envelopes and resource materials are available at www.augsburgfortress.org/elcahunger.

Got a great idea to share? Need some additional information? You can contact me at worldhunger@lutheransnw.org.

Activities Focus On World Hunger

by Kristie Nelson,
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Substantial and Lasting Change In Your Ministries

With increasing levels of anxiety being experienced throughout society, churches are reporting:

- Higher rates of burnout and turnover among leaders.
- Increased blaming and victim-thinking among members.
- More destructive conflict.
- The abrupt withdrawal and departure of members from the life of the church.

What can pastors do as part of their ongoing ministries to bring more substantial and lasting change?

Lombard Menonnite Center (LMPC) has designed a long-term approach to congregational change grounded in the family systems theory of Dr. Murray Bowen. *Here I Stand: Leading Change Through Self-Differentiation* is a three-day LMPC event at which pastors will be trained to integrate this approach into their ongoing ministries.

Here I Stand: Leading Change Through Self-Differentiation will be held at Bridgeport United Church of Christ in Portland, Oregon, on March 20-22. Cost for the event is \$295 if registration is received by February 20 or \$345 if received after that date. To learn more about the event or to register please visit www.LMPeaceCenter.org. Lombard LMPC focuses on peacemaking education for clergy and congregations.

When The Usual Interventions Don't Work

A seminar for church leaders dealing with clergy who have personality disorders; especially narcissistic personality disorder, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave., NE, in Renton.

Registration is \$35 (includes lunch). The event is sponsored by Consultation to Clergy (CTC).

Presenters are Dr. Mark McClung, a psychiatrist and consultant to CTC; Dr. Jim Boyer, pastoral counselor and member of the CTC Network; and Brenda Kerr and Dennis Minno, business consultants and members of Lutheran Counseling Network.

Dr. Mark McClung will talk about what are personality disorders, particularly narcissistic personality disorder and screening for personality disorders. Dr. Jim Boyer will talk about "Narcissistic Personality Disorder: A Composite Case". Brenda Kerr and Dennis Minno will talk about preparing for the intervention. There will be a panel discussion at the end of the event.

To register for the event please visit www.lutheransnw.org/calendar.

Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO) is hoping that many of you will be able to come to this day of public witness of our faith on Tuesday, February 27. Please spread the word that all people, no matter what their faith background is, are welcome to join us. Registration packets were sent the first week in January – if you didn't get a packet and would like to register simply email David Coombs (drcoombs@gmail.com) or call him at 206-464-4133. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the cost is \$15. Our location this year will be at Gloria Dei where we will worship at 9 a.m. with Bishop Rob Hofstad of the Southwestern Washington Synod preaching. After a legislative briefing, workshops and lunch we will head to the capital and re-gather at 12:30 p.m. to hear from the leadership of both parties. Afterwards there will be opportunities to meet with your legislators or to attend committee hearings.

Please know that LPPO understands that many of you cannot attend because of distance or your work, but you can still participate. In the registration packets there is a half sheet entitled: "So you can't come to Advocacy Day." You can do any or all of the following as a way to exercise our faith in the political arena:

- Pray for the governor and your three state legislators
- Email, write, or call and leave a message for any or all of your three legislators and the governor via the state legislative hotline at 1-800-562-6000. The times to call are very generous M-F 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. LPPO can provide the email addresses or the mailing address.

Remember, that LPPO is willing to come to your congregation to have an emphasis on Advocacy on a Sunday for all to learn more about what this ministry of the ELCA is about and you can be involved. Don't hesitate to contact any of us at the LPPO office and we look forward to your invitation to come.

The Interim Ministry Network is hosting a three day, self-contained course devoted to the specific skills needed by the pastor of a congregation undergoing significant change. *The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry* course will be held February 26-28 at the Dumas Bay Centre in Federal Way. Tuition is \$540 and includes a one-year membership to the Interim Ministry Network). Housing with meals is an additional \$190. For more information please visit www.imnedu.org.

What Is Lutheran Advocacy Day?

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advocacy@gmail.com
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766 John St. Seattle

Interim Ministry Network

Partners for Nurture 2007

Join 200 other Christian education volunteers for a day-long training and refreshment event at *Partners for Nurture* on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah. The 2007 theme is *Learning for Life*, using Ephesians 4:15 (“Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into Christ.”)

The featured speaker is Pastor Ted Schroeder, columnist for Thrivent Magazine and former director of Christian education for the ELCA. Thirty workshops are planned. Registration opens at 8 a.m. with opening worship and keynote beginning at 9 a.m. Closing worship is at 3:30 p.m. Registration fee (includes program and lunch) is \$45 per person for individuals. Registration forms may be downloaded from www.tlc.edu/partners.

Gather Youth Together

More than 2,000 Lutheran groups have already registered to participate in the 2007 *Souper Bowl of Caring* on Sunday, Feb. 4. The Souper Bowl of Caring organization asks groups only to report their totals of dollars raised, hours volunteered and cans of food collected. Each youth group decides for itself where to donate their collections. To learn more about the Souper Bowl of Caring, visit www.souperbowl.org.

Vision Quest

The 14th annual Vision Quest, a popular, high-energy high school youth gathering event, will be held March 2 and 3 at Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah. This year's theme is *Hello! My name is ...* with special guest Rachel Kurtz, singer and songwriter, and Rev. Gretchen Weller Mertes, St. Matthew's in Renton.

What's in a name? Names are important to us – and many have special meaning. They identify who we are, each person uniquely different from the next. Isaiah 49:16 says that our names are written on God's hand. God cares deeply for us and has called each of us by name to be God's precious child.

Vision Quest will include large group sessions, worship, smaller breakout groups and a host of other fun activities – you “name” it. Cost is \$25 per person and includes three meals and a t-shirt.

Mark Your Calendars

Check the synod's website for additional details as they become available: lutheransnw.org/calendar.

- *Senior High GO! Night* will be held March 2 and 3 (south Snohomish County venues)
- *Holden Youth Ministers Retreat* will be held March 12-16 at Holden Village.
- *2007 NWWOLY Senior High Youth Gathering* will be held November 16-18 at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood.

Join others on March 14 and 15 for the training class *Coaching 101: The Goal of Coaching Is To Help Someone Exceed*. The event will be held from 1 p.m. on March 14 through 3:30 p.m. on March 15 at Dumas Bay Centre in Federal Way.

Participants will learn that by coaching you will disciple members, empower leadership in congregations, develop mutual support and collegiality, practice the accompaniment model, and much more. Trainers for the event are Rev. Jan Nesse, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, and Rev. Valinda Morse, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod.

Cost is \$180 and includes meals, lodging and materials. A \$90 deposit is due by February 1 with the remainder \$95 due by March 1. Visit www.lutheransnw.worg/calendar for more information.

Coaching 101

■ **Have You Seen The New www.elcaborg.org?**—The Board of Pensions launched our next generation web site designed to give members increased access to personalized benefits information. (Sponsoring organizations will have similar access in the future). Visit www.elcaborg.org

■ **Reporting A Salary Change for 2007?**—If your congregation or organization has approved a salary change for your pastor or churchworker for 2007, please report the change to us as soon as possible. If we receive a change to defined compensation more than 60 days after the effective date of the change, the amount billed for the employee's benefits will be adjusted for only the prior 60 days. Reporting changes to us as soon as the new amount is known ensures your employee receives the correct retirement account contribution and ensures future disability or survivor benefits are based upon the correct compensation. Learn more about this and other 2007 plan changes at www.elcaborg.org/UnderstandMyBenefits/Plan_changes/60day_limit.aspx

■ **Looking For The Health Risk Assessment?**—In 2007, the Mayo Clinic Health Risk Assessment will be offered in the fall rather than spring. In the meantime, find resources for spiritual, vocational, physical, social, intellectual and emotional wellness and balance at www.elcaforwellness.org www.elcaborg.org/LiveWell.aspx

■ **2007 Summary Plan Descriptions**—Have questions about ELCA benefits? Need a reference guide? Look for 2007 summary plan descriptions (SPDs) to view online or download later this month.

Update

ELCA Board of Pensions

News and Notes

- In the January issue of The Lutheran magazine **Laura Canby, member of Trinity Lutheran in Freeland**, wrote the reflection on page 3. Also in the January issue **Rev. Jan Nesse, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod**, was quoted in the article *Yes, some ELCA congregations are growing*. Her quote can be found on page 19.
- The members of **Phinney Ridge Lutheran in Seattle** are hosting Tent City 3. Residents of Tent City 3 will be at the church for nine weeks. The congregation has worked hard to communicate with neighbors about the importance of this ministry.
- **Members of Kent Lutheran in Kent** feed the hungry every Monday night. They are joined by four teams of volunteers from Kent area churches and organizations glean food, prepare the meal, set the tables wash, the dishes and clean up. Kent Lutheran is known in the Kent area as the congregation that feeds the hungry. They have fed the hungry since 1983.
- **The youth of Wooden Cross Lutheran in Woodinville** are planning a Youth Mission Trip to North Carolina. The youth will be in Hyde County, one of the poorest counties in North Carolina. The unemployment rate is 13 percent and the average per capita income is \$13,164, well below the state average.
- **Faith Lutheran in Redmond** offers a unique volunteer opportunity for members and friends. Talk Time volunteers meet with students on Tuesday evenings and have a good command of grammar and understanding of slang, as well as the ability to listen closely and speak clearly. Students are from Brazil, China, India, Iran, Japan and Turkey. Volunteers use a simple, prepared lesson to break the ice and then just talk or help with special needs, depending upon the desires of the individual students. Usually there are six to ten students.
- **Ken and Ruth Helling** retired from their 60 years of work for Lutheran World Relief. Queen Anne Lutheran in Seattle celebrated their ministry in December.
- **Peace Lutheran in Silvana** is working on getting new windows for the little white church on the hill. As you know, the church was vandalized late last year. As a prevention to further vandalism plexiglass coverings will be installed on the outside of the new windows. The Plexiglass coverings will cost \$6,000 and are not covered by insurance.

We continue to hold in our prayers:

- † Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita
- † The Rev. Ed Kasten (ret.)
- † Darin Richards (son of Rev. Jack Richards)
- † Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- † Evangeline Lucille was born to the **Rev. Will and Kaia Sappington** on Sunday, December 31, 2006. She weighed 8.7 pounds and is 21.5 inches long. Rev. Sappington is pastor at Sammamish Hills in Sammamish. Blessings and joy to the whole family!

We pray for:

- † **The Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)** continues to fight an infection and had to be hospitalized in early January. Cards may be sent to: Crista, 19303 Freemont Ave N MS 84, Seattle WA 98133
- † **Rev. Brian Beistel**, pastor at Luther Memorial in Seattle, who continues to heal from a cardiac procedure.
- † **To the family of the Rev. Paul Pierson (ret.)**. Rev. Pierson passed away on December 26, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. The Rev. Pierson served in South Dakota before serving at St. Luke's, Bellevue, from 1958 to 1986. Paul is survived by his wife, La Von. A Memorial Service was held at St. Luke's on January 2. Cards may be sent to the family at: St. Luke's Lutheran, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue WA 98004.
- † The family of the **Rev. Roland Swanson (ret.)**. Rev. Swanson passed away on January 8. The Rev. Swanson is the father of Bishop Paul Swanson, Oregon Synod. The funeral service was held on January 13 at Gethsemane in Seattle. Cards for the family may be sent to: Gethsemane Lutheran, 911 Stewart Street, Seattle, WA 98101.
- † The family of the **Rev. Kurt Rizer**, pastor of Shepherd of the Valley, Beaverton, OR. Rev. Rizer passed away on February 3. Kurt's mother, Jean Rizer, is a long-time volunteer in the Northwest Washington Synod Office. The funeral was held on January 10. Cards for the family may be sent to the Church: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 17625 NW Cornell Rd, Beaverton, OR 97006-3275.

Within Our Family



To Keep In Our Prayers...

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

Video

Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

Living Fully, Dying Well: A Study for Small Groups (D-63)

Our best decisions about life's most important events are seldom made in a time of crisis. "Living Fully, Dying Well" is designed to assist us in making careful, wise and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments.

In this program, participants will learn how to face openly and unafraid the benefits and limitations of aging and end-of-life decisions. There are eight sessions that can be studied in a weekly sequence or as stand-alone sessions. Running time for each session is approximately 10 minutes.

Produced by Abingdon Press, this adult resource is suggested for small groups, adult Sunday school, evening programming and retreats. The format is DVD. Ask for D-63 when you call.

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Ryan Alexander	Grace, Des Moines	3/1/2007
Phillip K Lee	Glendale, Burien	1/7/2007
Lydia Wittman Grebe	Zion, Custer	1/15/2007
Installation		
Philip K Lee	Glendale, Burien	1/21/2007
Lydia Wittman Grebe	Zion, Custer	2/11/2007
Ordination		
Lydia Wittman Grebe	Messiah, Auburn	1/13/2007
Death		
John A. Olson	La Conner, Washington	12/3/2006
Paul Pierson	Issaquah, Washington	12/26/2007
Roland Swanson	Redmond, Washington	1/8/2007
Retirement		
Brian Beistel	Luther Memorial, Seattle	2/1/2007
Dick Christiansen	Faith, Bellingham	1/1/2007

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

(Transitions can be found on page 14.)

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Edmonds, Edmonds	PR	P	Katheryn Schlechter, and Dorcas Wang, Co-Interim Pastors
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Everett, Prince of Peace	PR	I	Doug Stensby, Interim
Everett, Trinity	PR	TR	Chris Anderson, Interim
Everett, Zion	PR	TR	Stuart Lundahl, Interim
Kirkland, Holy Spirit	A	TR	Mike Anderson, Lead Pastor; Kathryn Buffum, Interim
Maple Valley, Shepherd of the Valley	PR	TR	Elwood Carlson, Interim
Point Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Supply
Redmond, Faith	PR	P	Paul Wuest, Interim
Renton, St. Matthew	A/SP	P	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
SeaTac, Prince of Peace	PR	NV	Martha Myer, Interim; Conrad Tollefson, Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	PR	TR	Karen L. Hanson, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	P	Supply
Shoreline, First Richmond Beach	PR	TR	Maynard Atik, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
Stanwood, Our Saviour's	PR	I	Mike Swain, Interim
Woodinville, Wooden Cross	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
 A = Associate
 AIM = Associate in Ministry
 DM = Diaconal Minister
 A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact
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Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
 C = Calling
 NV = New Vacancy
 V = Vacancy
 SC = Synod Call
 TR = Transition process
 P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
 TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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